the Mayors of Madras, Bombay and Calcutta will be separately meeting the Commission and putting forward their respective plans for these three cities. I have been requested by the Mayor to finalize the Plan as far as Madras is concerned after this meeting with the Planning Commission and I have agreed to do so."

Sri A. Ramasamy Tevar :—" May I know whether any such proposals for all municipalities have been sent to the Central Government for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" Sir, Municipal Plans are also taken into consideration in formulating District Plans and when the District Plans are taken up the various Municipal Plans will also be considered."

Sri K. Vinayakam :—" Sir, may I know whether this Government have recommended those schemes to be incorporated in the Second Five-Year Plan and if so, what is the decision taken by the Planning Commission on these schemes? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" That is what I was just now telling, namely, that there is a proposal for these three Mayors to meet the Planning Commission and discuss the Plans for these three cities with them. After that only, the matter will be finalized."

Retrenchment of workers in Madurai Thermal Station

* *Short Notice Question No.* 21.—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 182 workers of the Madurai Thermal Station, Samayanallur, were retrenched from 1st May 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri R. Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The work in the Thermal Station is seasonal in character as it is intended only to give relief to the hydro-electric stations in the State during the summer months. Hence the majority of the workers in the station are employed on daily wages from time to time and they are disbanded when the station shuts down. They are employed on the understanding that surplus hands will be retrenched to the extent necessary when the station shuts down. The retrenchment of workers became inevitable this year when the station closed down as a result of the favourable monsoon conditions and the satisfactory storage in the hydro-electric reservoirs."